

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 28 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Ms. Dean Shoaf and the Covington Elementary School on winning second place in the 1998-99 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee WellKid competition.

WHEREAS, numerous studies have been performed that indicate a positive correlation exists between healthy children and academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, nowhere is this correlation more evident than at Covington Elementary School where students placed second in the statewide 1998-99 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee WellKid competition; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dean Shoaf, Covington Elementary's physical education teacher has touched the lives of many children, and has been instrumental in the well-being of the students through the school's participation in such rigorous competition; and

WHEREAS, Covington Elementary School was nominated by its principal of 22 years, Mr. Gordon Stone, because of its award-winning school instruction and community services that promote a comprehensive health program, including health instruction; a full-time nurse and emotional and vocational nurturing, provided through guidance-sponsored programs; and fitness instruction and practices, promoted through physical education; and

WHEREAS, 57 children participated in Covington Elementary's WellKid Club as well as a "school-full" of students who are eager to be members of the WellKid program; and

WHEREAS, under the auspices of Ms. Shoaf, the WellKid Club selects members from specific criteria, including a healthy attitude, respect for authority and the rights of his or her peers, and an appreciation of the value of exercise and good physical fitness practices, whereby each student must undergo a fitness test to measure not only the top athletic achievement in the school but to also assess their yearly physical improvement; and lastly, the child must also recognize the value of academics and try to do his or her best scholastic work; and

WHEREAS, included in the 1998-99 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee WellKid competition were three regional WellKid winners from Covington Elementary; they are second-grader Derrick Walker, third-grader Ronnie Elkins, and fourth-grader DeAndre Rudd; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to specially recognize Ms. Shoaf and this outstanding group of children, who uphold the ideals of many scholarly positions in regard to physical and mental health and academia; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Ms. Dean Shoaf, Covington Elementary School and the WellKid Club on winning second place in the statewide 1998-99 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee WellKid competition, and laud them for stressing the importance of good health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.